

and at least one leather layer having an outer surface and an inner surface,

wherein the leather layer is openly hydrophobicized and is laminated with its inner surface unmediatedly onto one side of the functional layer using a powder adhesive,

the laminate having a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than  $600 \times 10^{-3}$  ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ mbar}/\text{W}$ ) and a crumple flex durability of at least 50,000 cycles.

4. (amended) The laminate of claim 3, wherein the adhesive is selected from the group consisting of [the] polyurethanes, polyesters, and polyamides.

7. (amended) The laminate of claim 4, wherein the adhesive is a mixture of adhesives selected from the group consisting of [the] polyurethanes, polyesters, and polyamides.

8. (amended) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the leather layer has been saturated with a hydrophobicizer selected from the group consisting of the fluorocarbons, silicones [or] and polysiloxanes.

16. (amended) The laminate of claim [17] 15, having a water vapor transmission resistance (Ret) of less than  $300 \times 10^{-3}$  ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ mbar}/\text{W}$ ).

22. (amended) The laminate of claim 1, wherein the functional layer is selected from the group of substances consisting of polyesters, polyamides, polyolefins including polyethylene and polypropylene, polyvinyl chloride, polyketones, polysulfones, polycarbonates, fluoropolymers including polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), polyacrylates, polyurethanes, copolyether esters, and copolyetheramides.

27. (twice amended) A process for producing a laminate comprising the following steps:

- a) providing an openly hydrophobicized leather layer having an inner surface and an outer surface;
- b) providing a liquid water resistant and water vapor permeable functional layer;
- c) providing an adhesive powder for bonding the leather layer and the functional layer together adhesively;